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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—

The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 251,093.15-0

BANKERS:—

CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS

and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager, Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [32]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL 1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED 2,186,000

BANKERS:—

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.

per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 Months 5 per cent.

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JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

Auctions.

AUCTION SALE

OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EFFECTS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

from J. R. SPINKS, Esq.,

2, Blue Buildings, to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

THE WHOLE OF HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EFFECTS,

AT HIS SALE ROOMS, 17, PRINCE CENTRAL,

(Reserved for Convenience of Sale),

On SATURDAY next, January 6th, 1894,

(instead of as previously advertised),

AT 2.45 P.M. prompt,

Comprising:—

Drawing-room, Dining-room and Bed-room

Furniture, Sideboard, Overmantels, Double and

Single Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Marble-top

Tables and Washstands, Fenders and Fire

irons, Extension Dining Table, Chests of

Drawers, Double and Single Bedsteads, and

Various

HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.

FOR SUNDRY ACCOUNTS,

Four Photographic Cameras and Complete

Outfit for Amateur Photographer, Cottage Piano,

Musical Boxes, Sewing Machine, Jirickisha,

and a small Consignment of Japanese Carpets,

Rugs and Mats.

On View from Friday,

SALE, TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,

Auctioneers & Valuers,

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1894. [49]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND

CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

from the SUI-HING-LOONG CURIO

SHOP, PEKING, to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON

SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1893,

commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at his SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,

(Just received from the North).

A VERY FINE COLLECTION

OF

OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND

CURIOS.

Comprising:—

A Variety of PORCELAINS in BLUE and

WHITE, FIVE COLOURS, and other DECOR-

ATIONS, OLD LACQUER, JADE

BRONZES and CLOISONNE of the MING

DYNASTY and the REIGNS of KANG-HI

KIEN-LUNG, to more MODERN DATES;

SCREENS, CARVINGS, SILK EMBRO-

DERY, and other CURIOS.

At the Same Time will be sold,

A VERY FINE LOT OF

OLD JAPAN-SE TEMPLE BROCADES.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.

Lots on View from Friday, the 5th instant.

Terms of SALE:—As customary.

GEO. F. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer, Hongkong, 2nd January, 1894. [44]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES

of this form of Assurance, the

following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision

for wife and family or other relatives

in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent investment

for the regular accumulation of

small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are

larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN

THREE YEARS IN FORCE—

should the Policy-holder wish to dis-

continue future payments—he will

be entitled to receive, on application,

a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a

proportionate amount of the Sum

Assured, as explained in the Pros-

pectus.

Full particulars on application,

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Agents,

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on

favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal

to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,

&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$331,333.33

EQUAL TO \$331,000.00

RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

Amusements.

THE

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC

CLUB,

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF THE

COMIC OPERA

"PRINCESS TOTO,"

BY

GILBERT AND CLAY,

On the following dates:—

ON

January 6th, 9th and 13th, 1894.

Curtain to rise at 9 P.M. precisely each night.

Prices, \$2, \$3, \$1.

Seats for any of all Performances can be

booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Books at the Words of the Song, price 15

cents, at the Reading Office.

A late Train will run a quarter of an hour

after the fall of the Curtain, each night.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1894. [43]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK BROUGHAM, MAR-

SHALL has This Day been admitted a

PARTNER in our Firm.

Amoy, 1st January, 1894. TAIT & Co. [58]

THE IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

WE have This Day RESIGNED the

AGENCY of the above Company at

this Port, and the same is now Transferred to

Messrs. EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Hongkong, 1st January, 1894. [52]

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S. T. JOHN

OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the Prince of Wales

Hall, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 5th

Instant, at 8 P.M. For particulars, Visiting

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For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

WILL SHORTLY BE READY.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST." A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDU-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND CORRA, FOR THE YEAR 1894.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY has again been enlarged and will be found

THE CHEAPEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND MOST RELIABLE WORK OF THE KIND EVER PUBLISHED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE above named work, published at the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Vladivostok, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, Cebu, Manila, the Philippine Islands, Corea, British North Borneo, the British Colony of Hongkong, and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. It also contains the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the Treaties and Conventions between China and Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, Peru, Spain, and Portugal; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; also descriptions of the various Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics, taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 will contain a carefully revised

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG; A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, The latest and only reliable PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, showing the proposed Reclamations and all recent additions and improvements, AND

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

THE WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources, make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a *valuable* work for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1893 is printed on a superior quality of Paper, and is the best printed and most handsomely bound volume ever published East of the Suez Canal.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, is published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at this Office, or through any of our Agents at the various Ports, for

THREE DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East, at such a low price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It has an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, in the Australian Colonies, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to the Office of

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" PUBLISHERS, HONGKONG.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG. CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY, and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times.

CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PATES D'APRICOT.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.

FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.

SUGARED ALMONDS.

BURNED ALMONDS.

MIXED SWEETS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.

In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.

CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES. Hongkong, 13th November, 1893.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

OF

CONFECTIONERY

AND

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER

SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,

DRAGEES, PRALINES,

and a large selection

of

PURE CONFECTIONERY

from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL

CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,

and other

FRUIT JELLIES

in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS

MOUNTED IN PLUSH,

representing favourite subjects.

A Large Assortment of

ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS

CARDS,

of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all

tastes and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,

The Hongkong Dispensary.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY,

1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY

DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS

AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN

ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1894

THE MEMBER FOR THE GREAT

UNPAID.

The "Great Unwashed" of this colony—

that is the omnium, gaudium crowd of

natural curiosities who form what for lack

of a more appropriate name is known as

the Bench of Justices—will assemble in

solemn convocation on Monday next (Jan.

8th) to elect a member to represent their

supposed special rights—we have always

failed to see where any right, which is not

common to the community at large, comes

in as regards these amusing nondescripts

—in the Hongkong Legislative Council,

viz the Hon. ORATORIC PAUL CHATZ,

whose term of service has expired. As

Mr. CHATZ's re-election has never been

in doubt, so long as that gentleman was

willing to give his services for the benefit

of the fair-weather grovellers and dis-

patches who form such a large proportion

of this very much mixed community, the meeting convened by order of Governor Robinson through the medium of that popular and never-read abolition-yolept the *Government Gazette* will probably be attended by a notorious gin drinker, two whisky fiends, Mr. SHELTON HOOVER, and Mr. GRANVILLE SHART—that is, of course, unless for interested reasons a "fake" is arranged, and in such case all the missionary twaddlers in the colony will roll up in regiments for conscience sake. But Mr. CHATZ will be re-elected all the same.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* would infinitely prefer to have been left out in discussing this matter. Mr. CHATZ is far and away the best man in the colony to represent the special interests (presuming they are not a myth) over which the rag-tag and bobtail of Hongkong, ranging from a fraudulently bankrupt ex-director of more or less defunct public companies to a 'dead' broker fourth-rate mercantile clerk who wouldn't be permitted to appear in a decent tap-room at home, claim to have an exclusive prerogative; but the *Hongkong Telegraph*, whilst admiring Mr. CHATZ's exceptional qualities as a man and the indomitable energy and enterprise he has displayed in furthering Hongkong's interests, is not blind to the fact that the honorable gentleman is at times painfully lacking in that backbone which is so essential to a representative of the people in fighting an "official phalanx." Mr. CHATZ, during his term of service in the Legislative Council, has done a lot of good work for his fellow-citizens, but in our opinion he might have done a great deal more, especially in supporting his colleague of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. T. H. WHITEHEAD, in his crusade against official abuses which have made the Hongkong Government a by-word throughout the civilized world. The honorable member for the "Great Unwashed" has been too fond of temporizing, of playing with difficulties instead of tackling them; but, *malgré tout*, his record even as a legislator is unsurpassed and as already indicated, he will receive the unanimous suffrages of the dipomaniacs before mentioned and the other philanthropists whose peculiarities are so well known.

However, our chief object in referring to this forthcoming election was to direct attention to the extraordinary policy adopted by our local contemporaries, and even in doing so, for that reason, we feel that the game is hardly worth the candle. Who cares for the opinions of the utterly discredited nonentities of the decrepit *Daily Press* and moribund *China Mail*? We sympathize with them in their unfortunate condition, and would gladly sign any petition to provide for their permanent transfer to some reputable Home for Lost Billy-goats. Mr. CHATZ, according to the Wyndham Street mudheads, is not a bad sort of member of Council, but as his position *vis-à-vis* Kewick's Share Bill is doubtful, and further, as he projected and mainly assisted to carry out, so far as it has gone, the Praya Reclamation Scheme, "confidence in his judgment has been shaken." Has it really? Yes, to some extent—for the reasons stated by the *Hongkong Telegraph*; but not, excepting by interested schemers, on account of Mr. CHATZ's attitude on "Kewick's Folly" or of the incalculable boon he bestowed on Hongkong, present and future, by his magnificent reclamation scheme. The *Daily Press* editorial "Joss" says that the Praya Reclamation scheme has turned out to be "some ten or twenty years in advance of the Colony's requirements," but he doesn't attempt to prove that allegation by fact or argument. He could not do so if he tried over and over, The Praya Reclamation is not a day before its time, it has become an absolute necessity if the health and well-being of the colony are to be protected; and in projecting and so materially assisting to carry out that great work, Mr. CHATZ stands far ahead of any citizen Hongkong has ever produced. He will get credit for it after he is dead. That is the customary reward of men who, apart from the trivialities of every-day life, are truly great.

TELEGRAMS.

DAHOMEY.

PARIS, December 22nd.

General Dods reports that King Behanzin is gathering together the remnants of his army in the west of Dahomey.

SIAM.

December 22nd.

M. Deloche speaks in the Chamber against the "better state" proposal in Siam.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Engineer's lantern dance at the City Hall at 9 o'clock.

The municipal servants in Chicago are

estimated at 15,000.

THE rank of Commander has been conferred on Mr. H. C. Kingsford, first lieutenant of H.M.S. *Impetuous*.

It is stated that the only diamond fields in Russia are owned by Count P. P. S. Schouvaloff, whose estates comprise 300,000 hectares.

ACCORDING to an American paper, the Louisiana tax-payers have been requested to pay their taxes at once and save the public schools from closing.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Callisto* left Port Darwin for this port on the 29th ult.

THE following appeared in a recent Transatlantic publication:—"Subscribers paying in advance will be entitled to a first-class obituary notice in case of death." Good!

AN Emergency meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

H.M.S. *Impetuous* leaves Hongkong about the middle of next month for a cruise in Java waters, returning before the end of March. Early in the *Callisto* is expected to arrive here, to replace her as flagship.

In the Supreme Court to-day, before Mr. E. J. A'Court, Justice, with Mr. Hastings as the judicial assessor, the legal arguments in the *Kewick* salvage case were concluded, and judgment was reserved.

THE Sanitary Board met this afternoon, and as usual discovered a number of things which it had no power to do. The discussion of the five-gallon water supply was adjourned until next meeting on account of the small attendance to-day.

WHAT with the Rifles row in Africa and revolutions in Cuba, Brazil, Mexico, Honduras, and one or two other South-American states, the "hot blood of old Spain" remarks an American contemporary, would seem to be literally boiling over just at present.

D'ARCY Macdonald is again on show this evening at West Point. There was another big attendance last night and everybody went away enlightened. A detailed notice of this talented Company's entertainment is unavoidably held over until to-morrow.

MR. HEAN, who has for some time past been chief engineer of the *Prophecy*, has resigned, and the vacancy thereby created on board the first triple expansion job ever built has been filled by Mr. Macdonald, late second engineer of the steamship *Emmalda*.

In reference to our report of the Warrant Officers' Club concert in yesterday's issue, it should be stated that Mr. G. South, R.N., has been president of the Club practically ever since he came to Hongkong, but the institution was started a short time before his arrival here, with Mr. J. McDonald, of the Torpedo Depot, as president.

THE cost of a medical education in London, according to the *Hospital*, is from £80 to £100 per year for five years, less £150 to £200 in the case of a student who has been in the city, the *New York Medical Record* says, it would be £600 a year for three years, and £300 for fees as a minimum estimate.

THE new five-masted bark *Millonburg* lately arrived at Philadelphia in ballast to load 100,000 cases of refined petroleum for Calcutta. She is 257 feet long, 45 feet beam and 25 feet depth of hold. She is a thoroughly modern sailing ship, now on her maiden voyage, and is owned by R. W. Shankland & Co. of Greenock, who own the well-known "Burn" line of sailing vessels.

THUS the Chicago *Times* says:—"We shall probably have to lick the present provisional government of Hawaii out of its boots to replace Queen Liliuokalani on the throne, despite the fact that this nation's authorized representatives fostered and made possible that same provisional government. Such diplomacy is worthy of the code formerly in favor with the potentates of the Barbary coast."

WORTH, the Paris man-milliner, is quoted as saying: "Make your own style. Everything is in fashion to the fashionable woman. One woman should not wear a dress because another woman does. If a slashed Venetian sleeve goes well with an empire skirt, wear it by all means, and call it 'style fin de siècle' if you will. That does not matter, if it is becoming."

She smiled before her fan; My heart beat high with hope, and through my veins Love's fever ran. She smiled again. I seized her little hand; She smiled me with a look of sudden fear. And then explained the reason why she smiled— My necktie had slipped up behind my ear.

THE erratic Missouri river is, it is said threatening, and will most likely soon accomplish the complete destruction of the town of East Atchison, Mo., on the opposite bank from Atchison, Kan. The stream has been eating a new channel for several months, and during the last summer has washed away over 300 acres of land. It is now within an eighth of a mile of East Atchison, and the destruction of the little town with many thousands of dollars' worth of valuable property is regarded as inevitable and the people are moving away as rapidly as possible.

At the Police Court this morning Mr. H. P. Tooker, C.E., of the Public Works Department, who removed a Chinese quarryman for encroaching on Crown lands, was shown to be a little previous. It transpired in evidence that the quarryman was engaged in some excavations and in so doing carried his cuttings to the extreme limit of the land leased to him, which fell in on the quarryman's property; the latter, whose excavations were thereby filled in with Government stones and rubble, becoming the aggrieved party, and not the P. W. D. Mr. Tooker, however, did not see the matter in that light, and it was not until Mr. Wedderburn, the presiding magistrate, pointed the true situation out to him and dismissed the case that he seemed to realize that he had been a trifle too hasty and that it was the hapless quarryman who should, if any one, have recourse to the law. Mr. Tooker, C.E., like the rest of mortals, doubtless was and is human.

WE are informed by the Agent of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Giulia* left Shimane for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.

THE Brazilian Government (says the *N. Y. Maritime Register*) could not make a better stroke of policy to maintain control of the country and aid the people than by purchasing the fleet of fine steamers formerly owned by the U. S. & Brazil Mail Steamship Co. These steamers would be the nucleus of a fine merchant marine for that country, which, with its vast sea coast could support a home line most profitably.

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THE supply of fresh water to the ships frequenting the waters of this colony is a matter the importance of which few people pause to consider. For years past delay and annoyance have frequently been caused to shipmasters owing not only to the inferior quality of "fresh" water supplied by the heterogeneous fleet of clumsy water-boats in use here since the year 1, but on account also of the length of time it usually takes for one of the "tortoise fleet" to get along-side and discharge after the signal for fresh water has been hoisted.

Mr. J. W. Kew, late of Carmichael & Co., was not long in perceiving that a change for the better could be effected by supplanting the sailing water-boats with steam water-boats, and he accordingly ventured on the enterprise in June last with a first-class water-bowl propelled and pumped out by steam. That this plucky and far-sighted speculator based his calculations on good data there can be no manner of doubt, for he has now seen his way to adding a new steam water-boat "No. 2" to the nucleus of what promises to become quite a formidable fleet of useful and highly profitable vessels in the near future.

DONALD MURRAY, a newspaper man of Sydney, N. S. W., employed on the *Sydney Morning Herald*, has invented and patented, in the United States and other countries, a device which bids fair to revolutionize the methods of newspapers all the world over. By this invention an operator in New York can, by a key-press before him like that of an ordinary typewriter, not only produce type-written "copy" in New Orleans, but it is claimed, can operate a typesetting machine and deliver his matter thus in lead ready for the "forms." Not only that, but the same operator, by using a number of telegraphic lines, can set up the same copy simultaneously in a dozen different places. In this operation only ordinary telegraphic currents are used, such as are capable of being relayed, and are subject to all conditions of ordinary telegraphy. The work can be done at the same speed as an ordinary typewriter is operator, and dispenses with all clock-work mechanism, synchronously moving type wheels, and other cumbersome devices. It is said to be capable of manipulating some eighty different characters.

THE "BALMORAL" MINES.

As a number of shareholders largely interested in the success of this enterprise are now endeavoring to raise sufficient funds in Hongkong to resume work at the mines under proper management, and as very favorable bulletins are said to have lately been received from those in charge, the following report of a visit paid to Mount McDonald in July, 1891, by the Editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph* may be worth reproduction:—

Having a few days to spare whilst in Sydney in July last, and knowing the great interest taken in the Balmoral gold mine by a considerable number of Hongkong and Coast Port residents who have capital invested in that hitherto unproductive, not to say unprofitable undertaking, I made inquiries as to the feasibility of running up to Mount McDonald and personally seeing about the condition of the mine. I found that a majority of shareholders had been from the beginning very much a *terra incognita*. Meeting Mr. Kenneth Stevens, the Secretary of the Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., who had been sent down by the Directors in Hongkong to specially investigate and report on certain matters connected with the management at the mine and the position of affairs generally, at the Oxford Hotel, Sydney, where I had pitched my camp, he courteously informed me that no difficulties, excepting the bitterly cold and miserably wet weather and the discomfort attendant on "roughing it" in an out-of-the-way mining township, stood in the way of my projected trip, and that very readily would no doubt be afforded me by the manager (Mr. Walton) to have a good look round, and to form whatever opinion the circumstances warranted. Mr. Stevens, who had only a short time previously paid an official visit to the "Balmoral" with a well-known Australian mining expert, was, of course, not disposed to be particularly communicative as to the results of his mission, at all events until the same had been submitted to the Board of Directors, and probably he preferred that I should form my own independent views without prejudice one way or the other; but from what he rather hinted than actually stated, I inferred that prospects of big dividends in the immediate future for the long-suffering shareholders were, if not together, hopeless, at least a remote contingency. However, having thus arranged preliminaries and cleared the way, I lost no time in starting on my journey for the *El Dorado* which was a little more than a year's ride, and I was not without high expectations in the bosom of numerous Hongkong investors, but which, alas! so far have only resulted in disappointed hopes.

As very few local readers of the *Hongkong Telegraph* are acquainted with the exact locality of the Balmoral—as a matter of fact most of the shareholders know nothing whatever about it—it will be as well to say that this gold mine is at Mount McDonald, South Wales, over two hundred miles from the North of Sydney.

Under favorable circumstances, and in the summer season the journey would no doubt be enjoyable, as the scenery consists of many striking views and places of special interest; but it was my fate to have to make a peripatetic and most depressing series of rain storms which had been general for the previous fortnight and which completely spoiled my attempts to enjoy the lovely scenery of the Ems plains and Blue Mountains. The railways in New South Wales are not exactly paradises; if I might, without immediate personal danger, be permitted to express my honest views on the subject, and as regards this particular line, I do not hesitate to say that there is no railroad in the habitable globe with so many extraordinary curves, the effects of which, especially to delicate or sleepless travellers, are many and various. It was 8 p.m. when the Great Western express (what's in a name, etc.) left Sydney, and the passengers certainly had "a night of it." You can get "chow" (of a sort) on the Australian railway, but it is invariably of the refreshment room pattern—boiling a up of the weakest type and stuck as tough as the hide of an old water buffalo, at a cost of 2s. 6d.—And there are also sleeping cars, but for that exclusive privilege I had to pay through the nose—a rather serious matter for a poverty-stricken journalist who couldn't send in his little bill to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank or the China Borneo Company, Limited, with a certainty of its being liquidated on account of alleged services rendered—or otherwise. There's a joke in this latter remark which nobody but the late "Daniel" McCulloch, the present Tom Jackson, the ex-director of the Balmoral, and the writer of this pilgrimage thoroughly understands. But to return to our steak and onion—a favorite dish at the Balmoral mine, as Mr. Orange, C.E., and other local scientists who have been there, readily testify. After dinner the *salon*—excuse my French, Mr. Editor, but I once took a cheap trip from London Bridge to Dieppe and the *Anglo-Franca* has stuck to me ever since—was quickly transformed into a series of sleeping chambers, and I am not ashamed to own that I found oblivion in the arms of Morpheus—which is a better cause, *Mackay*! Long before daylight—say at about 4.45—the Mount McDonald passengers changed carriages at a God-forsaken place called Blayney, and then the fun really commenced. I am accustomed to terrific jolts; I have ridden Australian buck-jumpers, steered an Egyptian donkey through the arid deserts surrounding Grand Cairo and Suez, and once, when roads were not, scaled Victoria Peak on board a Mongolian race-horse, but the shaking-up we were subjected to on this line of railway—which, though of quite recent construction, has all the discarded rolling of many of the lines in New South Wales, not to speak of the wear on their last legs—put all previous experiences quite in the shade. The recollection of my bruised body haunts me still. At 7 a.m., unless the train is late, and the oldest inhabitant can't remember when it wasn't late, Woodstock is reached, and our journey by rails accomplished. The train falls in torrents as I wend my way towards the only "pub" that, strange to say, this country town of corrugated-iron shanties contains. A meagre fare for breakfast and an exorbitant charge here to be mildly put up with, and then arrangements must be made for the journey by coach to the Mount, a distance of about 14 miles.

The landlord of the hostelry is anxious to be obliging in a rough and ready way; he is interested in China and Japan, and as he is an old miner of varied experience, I am interested in any reliable information he may be able to afford regarding the Balmoral enterprise. Fortune favors me decidedly; the worthy host is in no way inclined to be reticent; he knows all about the Balmoral mine and has no objections to ventilating his views. He commences by telling me that a few years ago he had sold to the value of £10,000 out of the Mount McDonald district, principally from the Balmoral section, whilst working on tribute. He showed me a big lot of very rich specimens of quartz obtained from the Balmoral leases, some of which would "pin out" about two hundred ounces to the ton, and assured me that plenty of the same sort of stuff was available. If no one else believes in the substantial prospects of the Balmoral Mining Co., this practical miner certainly does, and it would appear that he has solid grounds for his confidence. "I am walking," he remarked, with a twinkle in his eye, "walking until the Company stops work and then I'll try my luck again." If all my worthy host's words are true, the Hongkong shareholders own a second Broken Hill, but with the very gratifying difference that instead of silver the Balmoral produces gold. However, the fact remains that this man has made a considerable sum of money, the ore being obtained as related above, and I satisfied myself that he is not the only fortune teller—for the benefit of the shareholders—it may be mentioned that a "tributor" is a miner who works without wages and on his own account, returning to the owner of the ground a percentage according to his gains—who did well in the Mount McDonald ranges.

After breakfast the signal is given "to coach," and now comes a most unpleasant part of the journey in a pair-h

My return journey to Sydney was accomplished under the depressing influence of continuous rain, which prevented me from enjoying the scenery, some of which, especially near the Blue Mountains, is exceedingly beautiful. And I was most thankful to be back again, safe and sound, in my comfortable quarters at the Oxford Hotel.

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H. C. CLITHEROW,
 General Manager.
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